the three language formula is the policy of the Government on teaching of languages in schools. There is no proposal to change this policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant of National Permits

2670. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the practice of granting National permits in general to all categories of Contract Carriers (Tourist Bus Operators) which was in force upto 1982 had since been dispensed with;

(b) what is the number of National Permits issued to Scheduled Castes since 1982;

(c) whether Government propose to revoke the concellation orders and resume issue of National permits to all categories of contract carriers and if so, by when; and

(d) what is the number of national permits proposed to be allotted both in general and Scheduled Castes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Permits for Tourist bus operators, popularly known as all-India Tourist Permits for buses and cabs are granted by State Transport Authorities in terms of Section 63(7) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. There has been no change in the policy. Under Section 63(7), the number of permits that a State Government/ Union Territory can issue is 50 in respect of each states and Union Territory of Delhi and 25 each in respect of other Union Territories.

(b) The information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The question do not arise.

Closing down of PCOs manned by Physically Handicapped

2671 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down the public telephone booths managed by the physically handicapped persons, and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

DTC Bus service between Ajmeri Gate and Gurgaon

2672. SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no D.T.C bus service between Ajmeri Gate and Gurgaon after 7.00 p.m.;

(b) whether Government propose to start the last trip on the round upto 11.00 p.m and extend the route upto I.S.B.T. via Kendriya Terminal, Regal, I.T.O.;

(c) whether D.T.C propose to start bus services from Dhaula Kuan and Regal to Gurgaon; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sr.

(b) and (c) No Slr.

(d) Does not arise.